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THE AVENGERS

WAR OF CROSS TIME

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AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES FOUND THEMSELVES UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT--ON THAT DAY, THE AVENGERS WERE BORN. TO FIGHT THE FOES NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

THE AVENGERS

V CROSS TIME



THE FUTURE DESPOT KANG THE CONQUEROR HAS BEEN TARGETING THE AVENGERS AS PART OF HIS ONGOING EFFORTS TO RULE THE PRESENT. WHEN SEVERAL INDIRECT ATTACKS FAILED, KANG DECIDED THE TIME HAD COME FOR A FACE-TO-FACE CONFRONTATION. AFTER THOR DEPARTED FOR ASGARD, KANG FORCIBLY TELEPORTED CAPTAIN AMERICA, GIANT-MAN, THE WASP AND IRON MAN TO HIS FUTURE TIMELINE FOR A FINAL BATTLE!

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THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!



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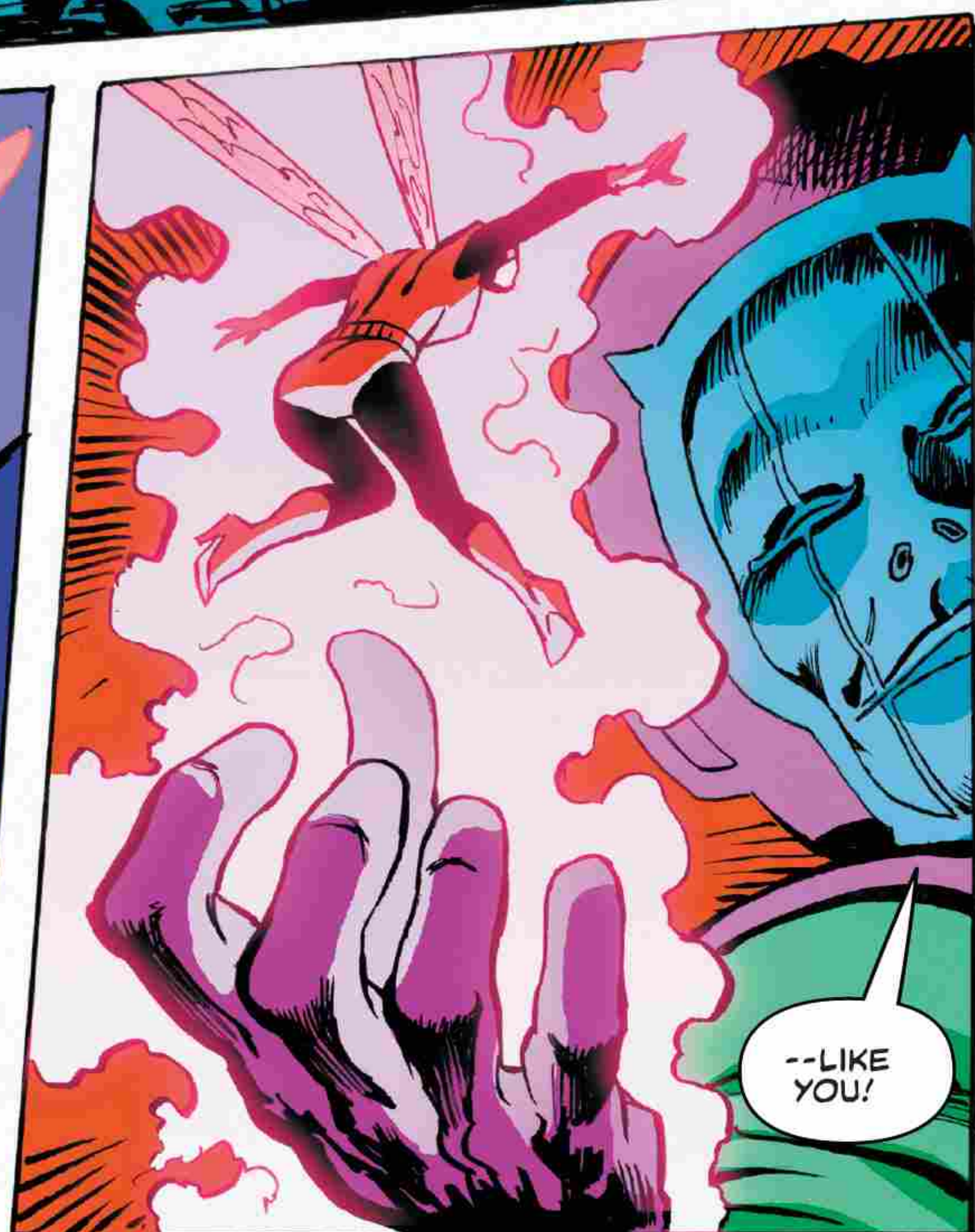
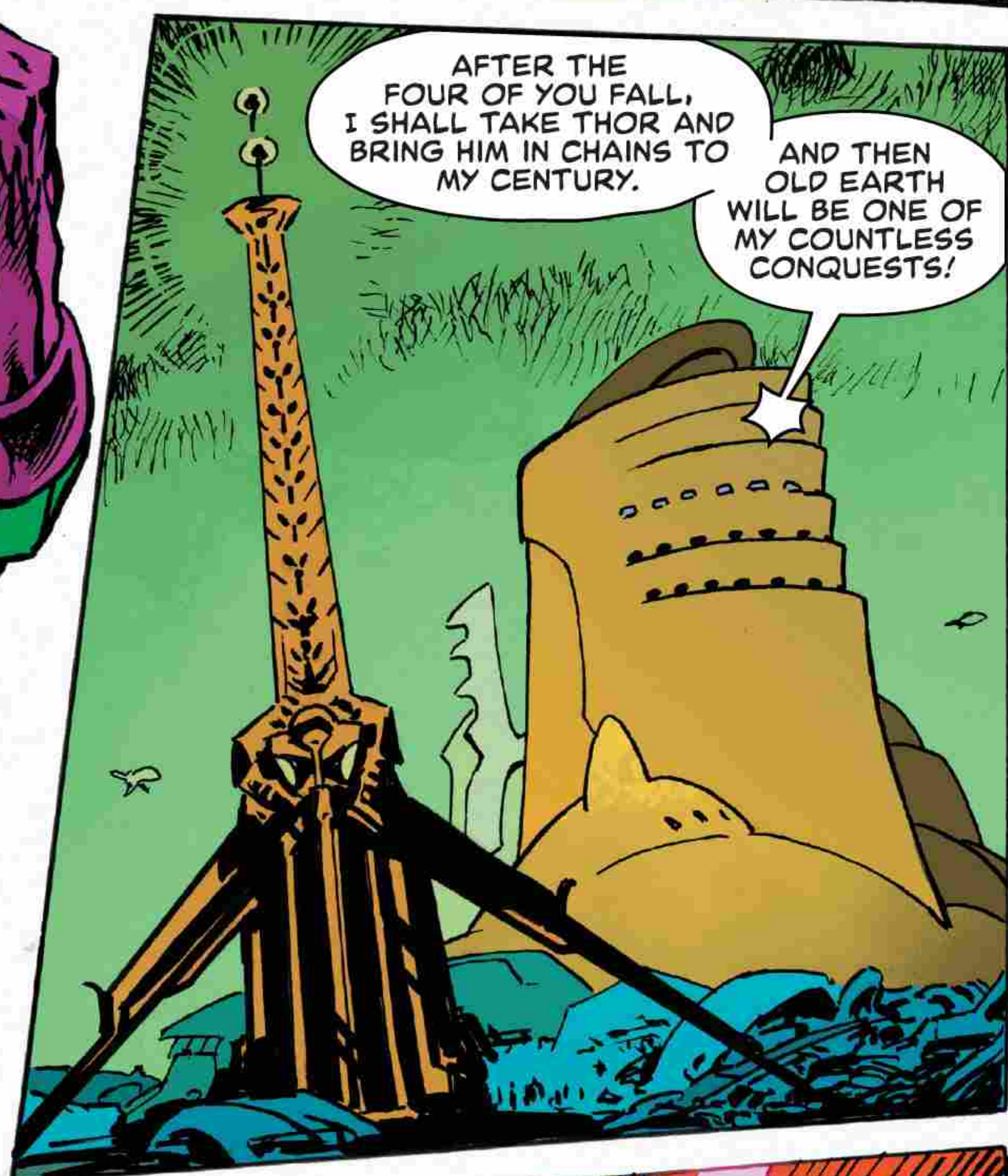
I'M
DIZZY! WHAT'S
HAPPENING??

BREATHE
DEEPLY, AVENGERS--
WHATEVER THIS FORCE
IS, IT'S PROBABLY
HOSTILE.

WAR ACROSS TIME!

CHAPTER FIVE

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KANG!
GET YOUR
HANDS OFF
HER!

THANKS,
LOVE--



--BUT I CAN
TAKE CARE
OF MYSELF!

BZZZZT

ARGHH...



INSECT!

I'LL SQUASH
YOU LIKE THE
BUG YOU PRETEND
TO BE!



KRAKKK

NOT
TODAY.



WE STAND
TOGETHER,
KANG.

AND WE'VE
HAD ENOUGH
OF YOU.



YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL BE TRAVELING THROUGH TIME AS A PRISONER, KANG...

...BACK FOR SOME TWENTIETH-CENTURY JUSTICE!

FOOLS!



YOU WERE POWERLESS TO STOP ME WHEN MY SHIP TRAVELED TO YOUR TIME--

KLIK



UNHH...

--YOU WILL NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO TOUCH ME HERE!

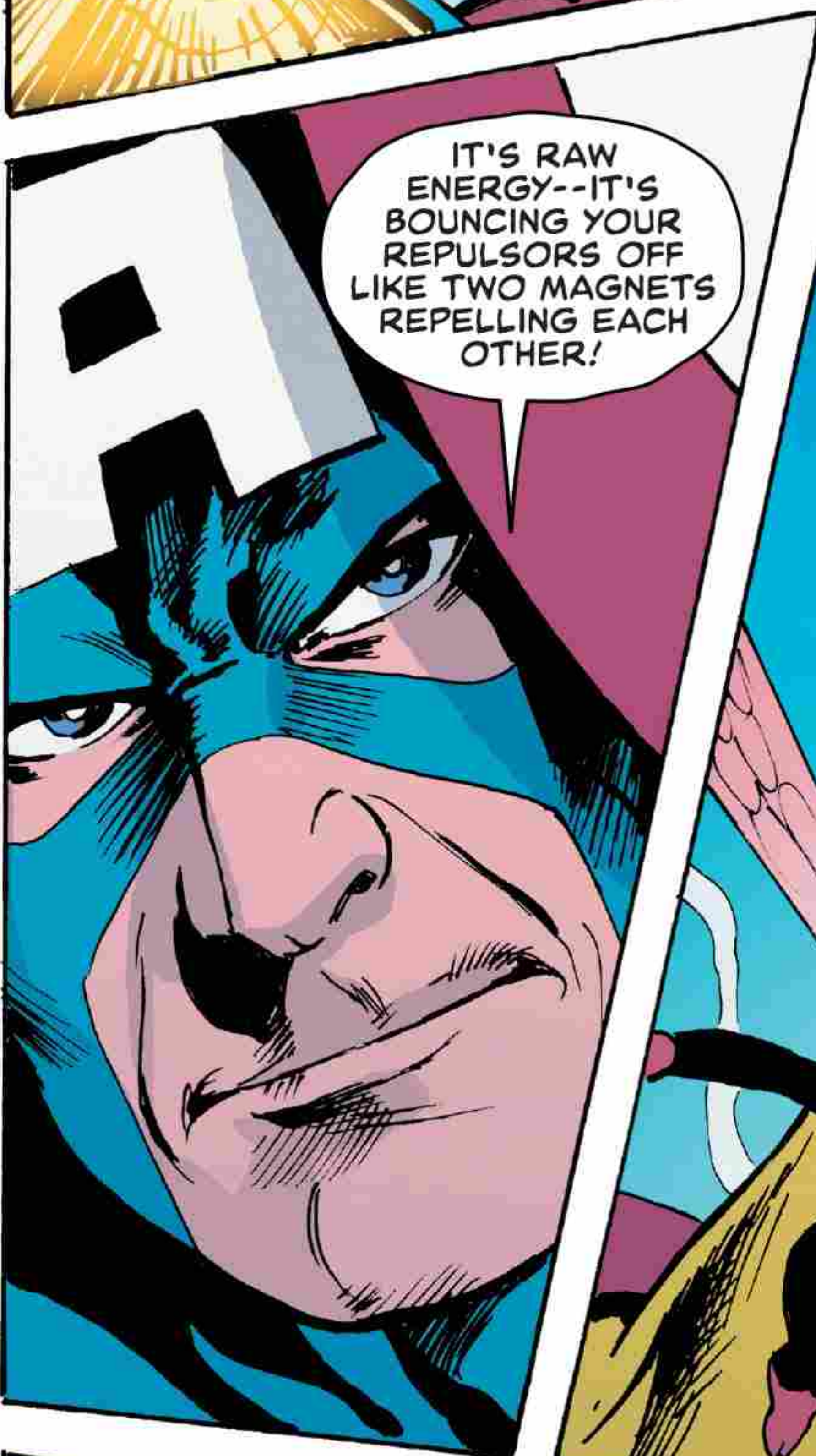


SOME SORT OF ENERGY FIELD...

EASY, AVENGER.



LET ME BLAST OUR WAY IN!





THAT
FIELD'S
BURNING ENOUGH
MEGAWATTS TO
LIGHT A CITY!



I HAVE
AN IDEA.

DON'T
LET KANG
ESCAPE.

WHOO
HSS

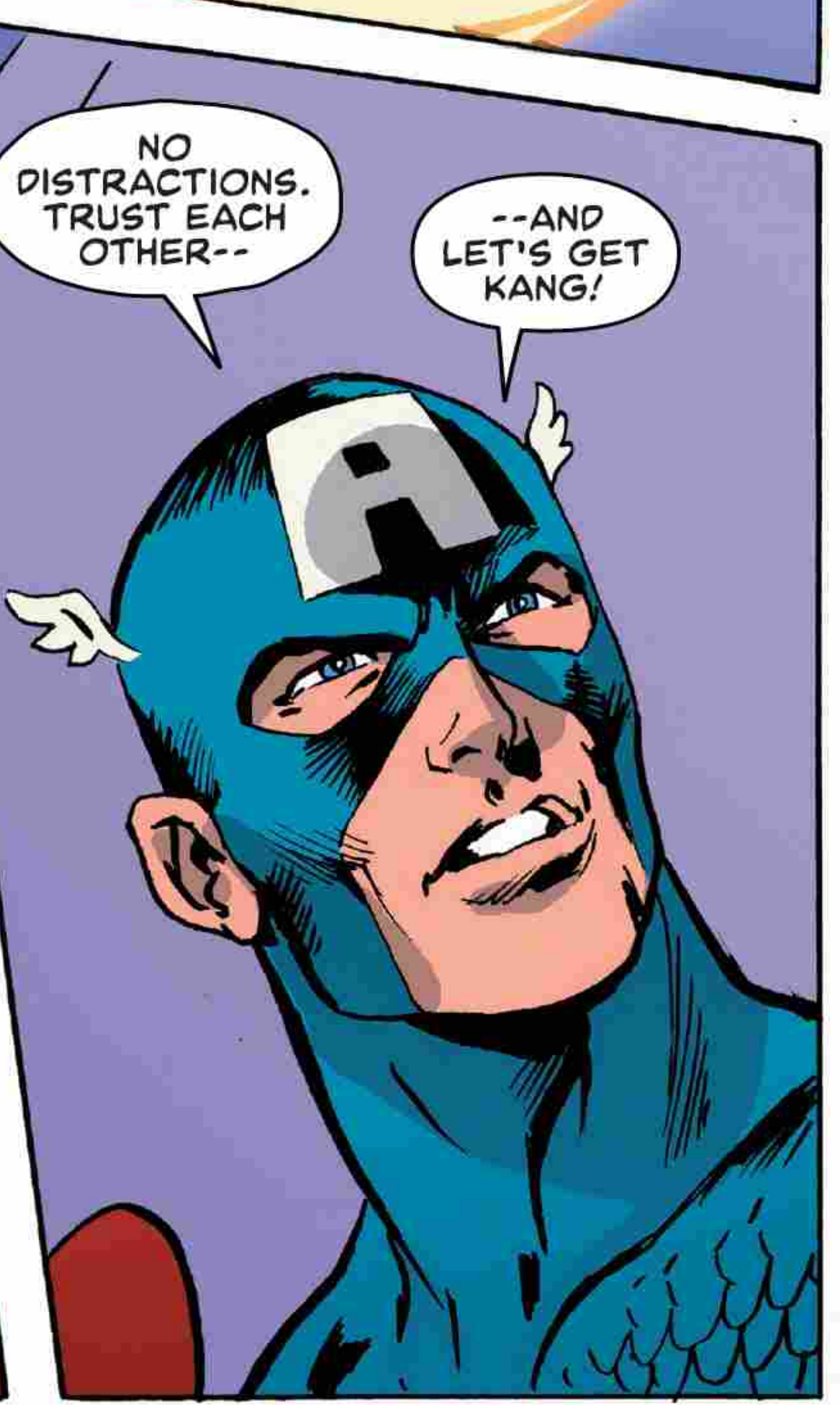


ESCAPE?

I HOPE THE
BACKBLAST FROM
IRON MAN'S REPULSORS
HITTING THAT SHIELD
HASN'T FRIED HIS
CIRCUITS!



I NEVER
LIKED HIM
HIDING IN THAT
SUIT!



NO
DISTRACTIONS.
TRUST EACH
OTHER--

--AND
LET'S GET
KANG!



ALL RIGHT--
IF ALL THE
FANCY TRICKS
HAVE FAILED--

--HOW
ABOUT BRUTE
FORCE?

WHAMM

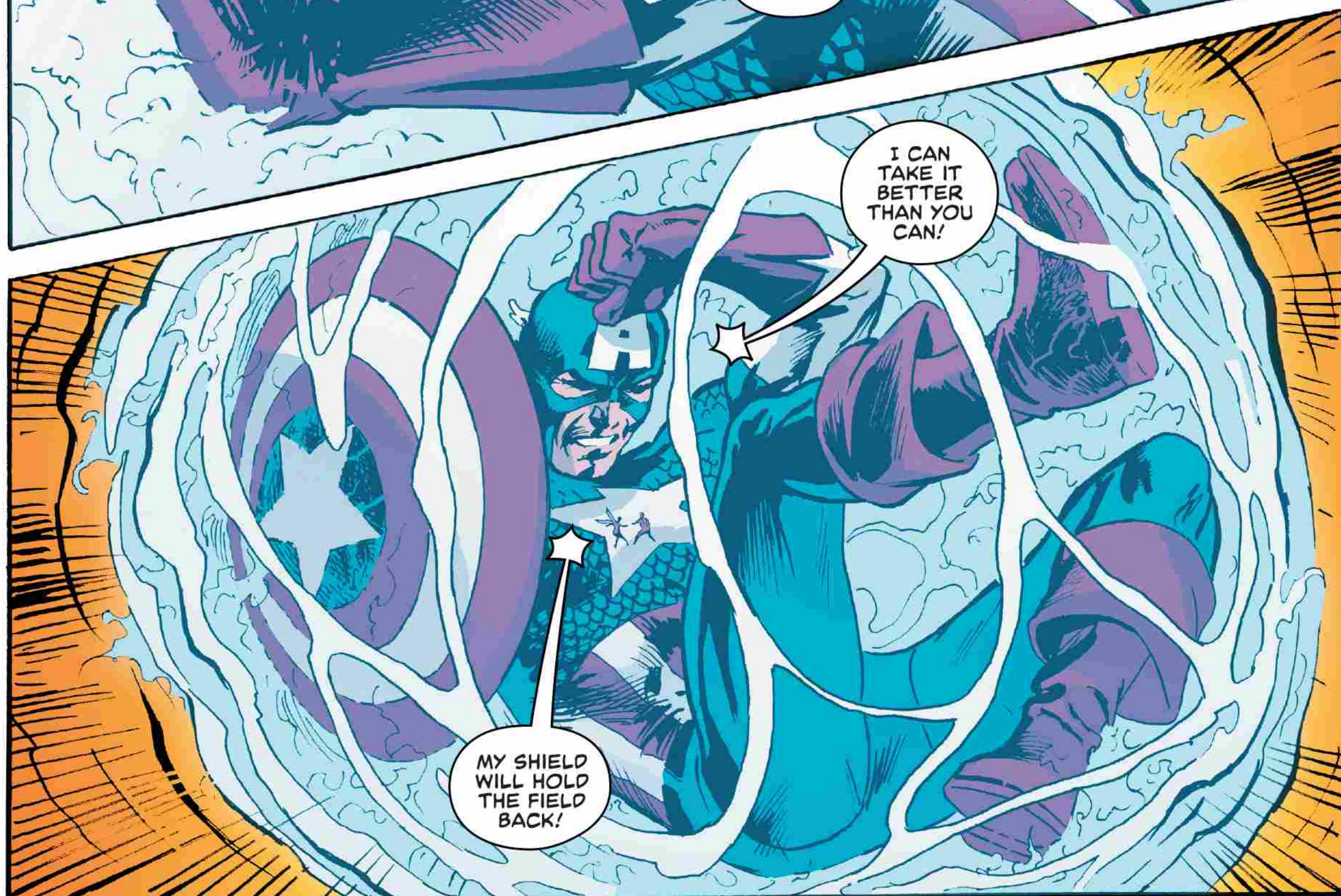
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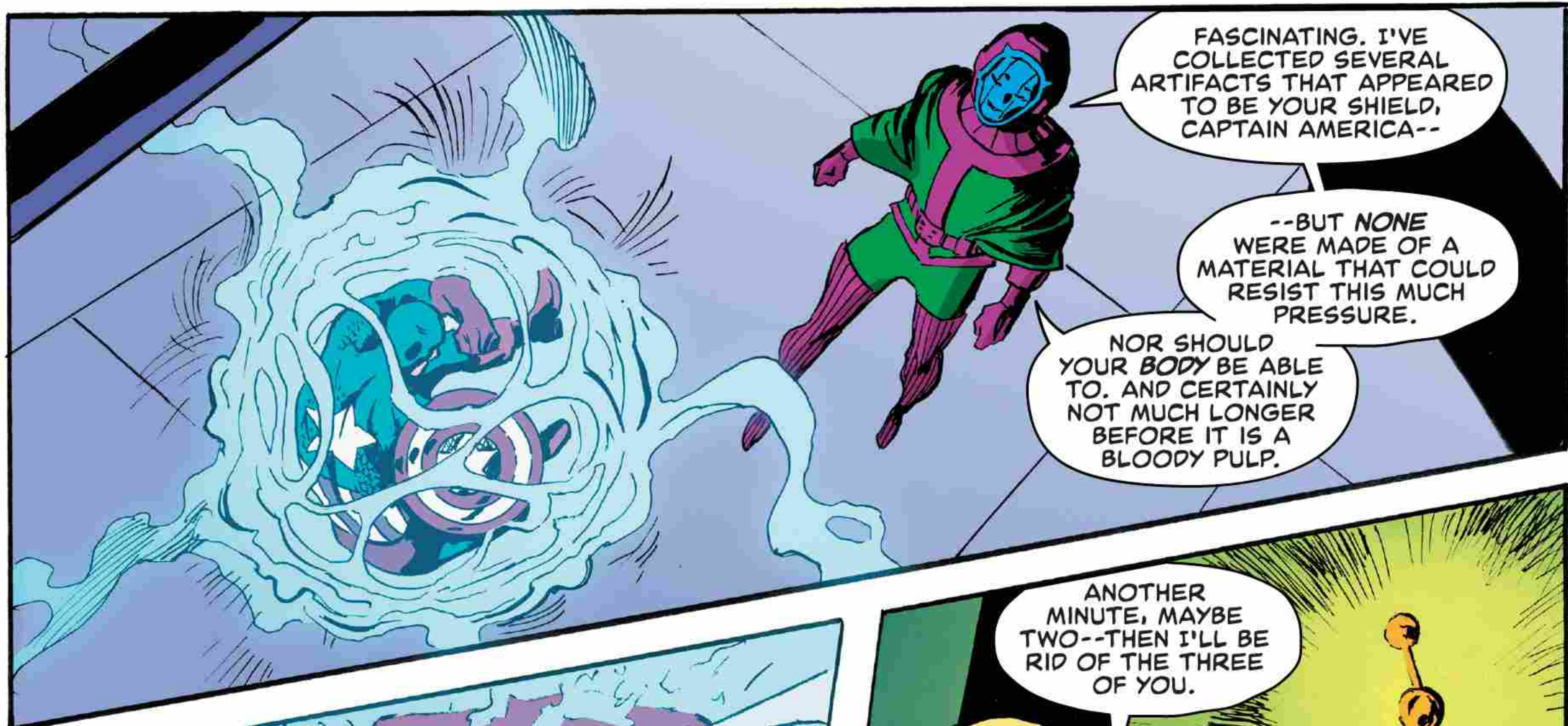


PHYSICAL
PRESSURE ON
THE FIELD WILL
ALLOW ME TO
RESHAPE IT--

--AND
CRUSH
YOU!

MAYBE THAT
WAS A LITTLE
IMPULSIVE,
LOVE?





FASCINATING. I'VE COLLECTED SEVERAL ARTIFACTS THAT APPEARED TO BE YOUR SHIELD, CAPTAIN AMERICA--

--BUT NONE WERE MADE OF A MATERIAL THAT COULD RESIST THIS MUCH PRESSURE.

NOR SHOULD YOUR BODY BE ABLE TO. AND CERTAINLY NOT MUCH LONGER BEFORE IT IS A BLOODY PULP.



GO TO BLAZES!

ATTABOY, CAP!



ANOTHER MINUTE, MAYBE TWO--THEN I'LL BE RID OF THE THREE OF YOU.

AND I CAN FIND WHERE YOUR COWARDLY COMRADE HAS GONE.



LOOKS LIKE WE JUST FOUND OUT, KANG.

MY SOLAR TOWER!

I THINK IRON MAN FIGURED OUT YOUR POWER SOURCE, KANG.

THOSE RARE SILICON ISOTOPES CAME FROM A DOZEN WORLDS--

--IT'LL TAKE YEARS TO REPLACE THEM!

WHAT A SHAME YOUR TOY'S BROKEN, KANG.

NOW WHAT'S GOING TO PROTECT YOU FROM US?

NOTHING THAT REQUIRES THIS MUCH JUICE!

YOUR ELEMENTARY SCIENCE HAS NO CONCEPT OF HOW TO TAP THE RAW ENERGY OF THE STARS!

MAYBE NOT, KANG.

BUT WE KNOW ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THE BULLETS IN A KILLER'S GUN--





--AND I
CAN USE IT
TO RID MYSELF
OF YOU!

WHA--?

WHEEEOOOO



IF YOU
MAKE IT BACK TO
YOUR PITIFUL CENTURY,
I'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME
I NEED TO REBUILD
AND COME AFTER YOU.

BUT I DOUBT
YOU'LL EVEN FIND
YOUR WAY THERE
THROUGH THE
SWIRLS OF TIME!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ARE THOSE PHANTOMS? SOME SORT OF WEIRD, ANGRY VERSIONS-- OF US???

IT FEELS WILDER THAN WHEN WE WERE YANKED TO KANG'S TIME!

STAY TOGETHER--DON'T LET THESE WINDS SCATTER US!

EASY TO SAY, CAP!

IS THIS LIKE A CRAZY ADAPTATION OF DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL--WITH VISIONS OF OUR FUTURE?





AND THAT
GIANT--HE
CAN'T BE
REAL--!

HE'S
RADIATING
PURE EVIL. THAT'S
THE THING ATTACKING
HIM, BUT WHO ARE
THE OTHERS?

SPINNING
FASTER, OUT OF
CONTROL?

HOW DO WE
GET HOME TO
OUR TIME--OUR
WORLD?



NEVER
DREAMED
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS, JAN--IT'S
A NIGHTMARE
COME ALIVE.

TH-THERE'S
THOR--AND IS
THAT ME NEAR
HIM?

WHO
ARE THESE
PEOPLE?

I'M
SCARED,
HANK.

**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



THAT'S
AN ARMY OF
AVENGERS!

WHAT COULD
BE POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO NEED
THAT MANY
HEROES?

AND THAT'S
US, FACING
THAT PURPLE
MONSTER.

FOCUS--
I THINK TO GET
OUT OF THIS
TIMESTREAM, WE
HAVE TO STAY
TOGETHER--

--STAY IN
TOUCH WITH
OUR OWN
REALITY.



HOW--???

ARE WE
SEEING OUR
LIVES, OUR
DESTINY?

FACING
ALL THOSE
BIZARRE
MENACES?

HANK--
YOU'RE
WHITE AS A
GHOST!



WHAT DO YOU SEE? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO SCARED!

HANK?

HANK-- IS THAT YOU?

HANK!

HANK!

YEAH, BABE?

THAT'S ME? BUT I LOOK SO OLD?



CONCENTRATE!

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND REMEMBER YOURSELF-- REMEMBER US!

WHOEVER THESE PEOPLE ARE, THEY'RE NOT US.

I'M HAUNTED BY MY GHOSTS-- BUCKY AND ALL THE OTHERS.

BUT I KNOW WHO I AM!



CAP?!

WHAMMMMM



JAN...THAT
LEERING METAL
FACE--HE--

HUSH, LOVER.
HE WAS JUST
A NIGHTMARE.
NOTHING
REAL.

ARE
WE REALLY
BACK?

I THINK
SO.

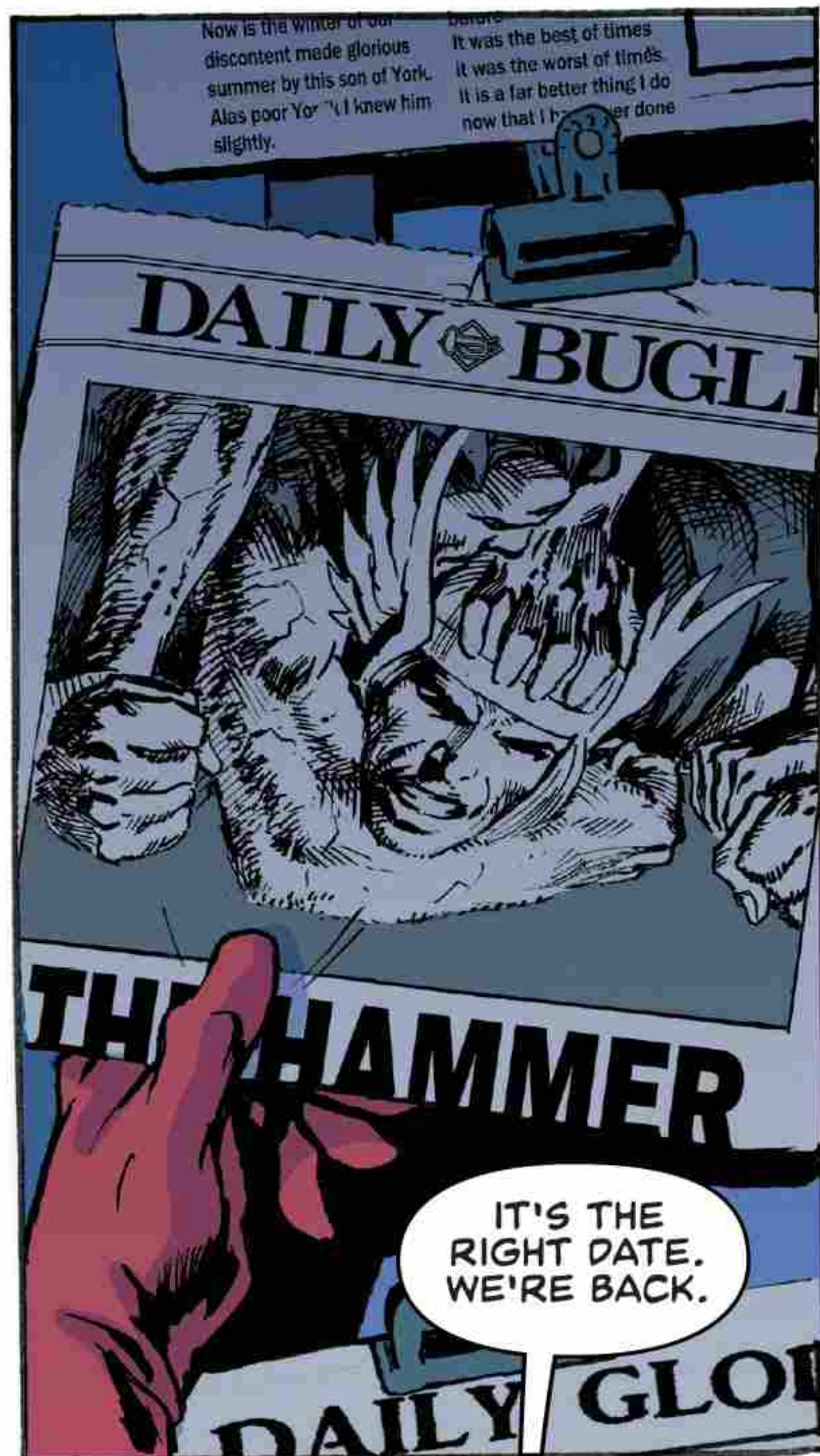
REMEMBER
US, SOLDIER?

YEAH, CAP--
YOU JUST SHOWED
UP YESTERDAY.



I HOPE
THAT WAS
YESTERDAY.

HUH?



Now is the winter of our
discontent made glorious
summer by this son of York.
Alas poor Yor! I knew him
slightly.

Before
it was the best of times
it was the worst of times.
It is a far better thing I do
now that I have done

DAILY BUGLE

THE HAMMER

IT'S THE
RIGHT DATE.
WE'RE BACK.

DAILY GLOBE



ARE WE?
HOW DO WE
KNOW FOR
SURE?

AND WHAT
WERE ALL
THOSE VISIONS
WE SAW?

MAYBE THEY
WERE KANG'S
ILLUSIONS TO
TORTURE US? OR
MAYBE THEY'RE IN
OUR FUTURE,
BETWEEN NOW AND
KANG'S TIME?



WHATEVER
THEY ARE, I VOTE
WE STICK TO OUR
OWN TIME.

TOGETHER!

AND IF KANG
EVER COMES
AFTER US, HE'LL
FIND THE AVENGERS
WAITING!

WE'VE BEATEN
HIM BEFORE, AND
WE CAN AGAIN!

NEVER THE END???

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

Email us at MHEROES@MARVEL.COM and mark your messages "okay to print" for a chance to see them answered in future issues!

Welcome back, dear readers!
Let's see what you've had to say
about our most recent issues...

Paul, Alan, Rachelle and Cory,

Thank you so much for bringing the fun back into comics with the AVENGERS: WAR ACROSS TIME storyline. I have been reading Marvel comics since 1963, including the first run of AVENGERS, and you have captured the feel of the early adventures. Seeing the original lineup together again was perfect. Not to mention the fun of looking for the Easter eggs: mentioning Flo (Steinberg), Willie Lumpkin delivering mail to that "Lee fellow." Wonderful. It fills an old fan with nostalgia. Please keep the excellent work coming.

Mike Reichart

Good job spotting those homages to Marvel history, Mike!

Dear Tom, Annalise and Martin,

It's always a pleasure to welcome back Alan Davis to the Avengers, especially when he brings along veteran writer Paul Levitz from the Distinguished Competition. I enjoyed issue #1 of AVENGERS: WAR ACROSS TIME a great deal. It was fun to see how much of an effort was made to give this story the look and feel of a classic Avengers tale from the earliest days of the book. I loved all the little details. From the adjective-heavy credits to the designs of clothes and buildings right down to the dialogue and the presentation of the panels on each page, the whole book felt like opening one of those grand, titanic and sometimes silly

adventures from the glory days, where each month saw the creation of another character who'd become one of the pillars on which all of Marvel is built. I'm looking forward to more asterisks telling me which stories to hunt down, more remarks about "the big one"--referring to WWII, which made sense in the '60s and now absolutely doesn't (and it was still perfect!)--and all the things that Iron Man's armor could do. Thanks for not trying to rewrite history but instead adding to it with love and respect for what came before.

Sincerely,
Lars Meyer
Germany

Paul is indeed doing an artful job fitting this new story into the established framework of Marvel continuity--especially within this issue, as you've hopefully now seen!

Hi Marvel,

I just finished reading AVENGERS: WAR ACROSS TIME #3 by Levitz, Davis and Rosenberg. I loved it. It was simple, compelling and delightful. I was struck that characters from across time were being utilized to tell a story of good vs. bad in a very clear storytelling and enticing way.

I have read AVENGERS from an early age and am proud of the complete run that I possess from 1963 forward. More lately than not, I have struggled to follow a storyline that told me in any familiar way what we were doing, why we were doing it and where it could even remotely go. I say that with

all respect for the multitudes of creative teams that have taken up the mantle of that book. It has been a long time since I've seen these characters have the kind of familiar development that they have in WAR ACROSS TIME, remain this focused and have a story that I wanted to see to a conclusion. In my mid-40s, I will admit that my demographic may not be the one that Marvel is seeking, but arguably, a good story does wonders regardless of age. Remember, Spider-Man was amazing because he was relatable and not so much because of the webs and spandex.

Please remember to give all your characters time to breathe and develop, along with fans who have busy lives who need to read, recognize and then relate to those characters. This comic was a return to familiar form that complemented the kind of character development we could have in every book, if we take the time, don't rush the creation and development of characters and do great storytelling.

All my gratitude for the memories over the years. You have a hard and important job. I am glad you do it.

Trent Deckard
Bloomington, IN

We really appreciate your thoughtful letter, Trent. Your role as a veteran reader and supporter of Marvel is equally valued. And thank you all for joining us on this trip into the past (and future!) of the mighty Avengers.

--Mail Boy Martin

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ON SALE IN MAY!

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